

## BEATING THE BOOTLEGGER BY INCREASING LIQUOR SALES

"Observer" Gives His Opinions on Different Features of the Liquor System

The Chairman of the N. B. Liquor Control Board has announced the sale of a cheaper brand of rum in an effort to combat the bootlegger. This move seems to be in line with the policy of the Board, which is to drive the bootlegger out of business by increasing the sale hours at the government stores, and by putting out cheaper brands of liquor. The intentions of the Board are no doubt laudable, but one may question whether the best method of accomplishing the desired result is being followed. It is necessary to consider carefully the principle on which our present liquor law is founded if we are going to arrive at any practicable method of improving it.

This is not a temperance article, and I am quite aware that what I have to say will not be agreeable to the temperance advocates. My observation has taught me, however, that this particular group is not prone to listen to any ideas but its own. Fundamentally, the present writer believes in true temperance, which is not the same thing as prohibition. I will go so far as to say that I believe that the world would be a much better place if there was not a drop of liquor to be procured anywhere, and no means of manufacturing any. But practical people realize that such a state of affairs can not be brought about. At least, not abruptly, and not without a long educational process. Even then the problem would remain of dealing with substitutes. If people ever should, in some miraculous manner, be deprived of alcoholic stimulants, and be unable to procure it, they would resort to some substitute which would give them the same kick they get at present out of alcohol. Unless human nature can be radically changed, people are not going to renounce the right to seek a stimulant of some kind. Take away alcohol, if you can, and human ingenuity will discover something else. It seems to me that the so-called temperance advocates must be woefully ignorant of human nature. But be that as it may, we have to deal with things as they are.

We have a liquor law in force in this province which resembles that of most of the other provinces with the exception of Quebec. The underlying principle of most of these pro-

vincial laws is to prohibit drinking by the glass and in public places. To that end liquor is sold only by the bottle, and is supposed to be taken to the purchaser's home or whatever constitutes his home for the time being, and there consumed. It is an offense to have in one's possession liquor other than that sold by the Liquor Control Board.

Now, there are several bad features to this system. The worst feature is the necessity for the purchaser to buy a whole bottle when he may only want a drink. Not only is it a question of the extra amount of money involved, but also the fact that the buyer, having a whole bottle in his possession, will feel that he may as well get his money's worth, and consequently will drink it up as speedily as possible.

Another bad feature is the necessity of taking the liquor to the home. This feature, which the Board considers such an improvement over drinking in public places, is in reality much worse. No self-respecting person would be seen in the old-time saloon, but in the privacy of the home the liquor may be consumed with the utmost respectability. Now the old saloon was often a vicious place. No one who recalls those days when the saloon flourished will deny the fact. But the saloon was what it was because of poor regulation or no regulation. There were no licensing hours, and no attempt made to preserve order and decent behaviour. The extreme temperance advocates will say that there can be no such thing as decent behaviour in any place where liquor is drunk publicly. But indeed there can be. The proof of that can be seen in the public houses and inns of the British Isles, especially England.

Almost every traveller who returns from the old country will agree that there is little or no drunkenness evident there. And this in spite of the fact that there are open bars. The point of the whole thing is that these bars are strictly regulated and the licensing hours are rigidly adhered to. Moreover, quiet and orderly conduct is maintained in all but the lowest slum districts. And even there the police are quick to interfere if disorder occurs. Bootlegging is practically non-existent. This is because of rigid law-enforcement, the permission to buy a drink of liquor instead of a bottle (although bottles of liquor can be purchased), and the fact that all kinds of liquor are much cheaper than here.

It is the present writer's opinion that some such licensing system as is used in England is the best solution to the liquor problem. But it must be accompanied by a lower excise tax by the Dominion Government if the bootlegger is really to be beaten. If it is revenue that our provinces are after from the sale of liquor (and they all say that they are not) a large revenue may still be obtained from the sale of licenses. Furthermore the provincial governments could take over the manufacture if they wanted to, and that would settle the question of revenue. But they must keep the price down. Only by some such method as I have mentioned can the liquor traffic be put in its proper place and kept there.

—OBSERVER.

## Knight of Pythias

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Sunday, Sept. 6th

Members will meet in Castle Hall at 1.30 p.m. Parade will move off at 2 p.m. sharp.  
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## SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Clark will hold a reception at their home at 8.30 o'clock on Saturday evening in honor of Dr. J. D. Freeman of Macon, Georgia, former pastor of the Brunswick Street Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Smith are entertaining at dinner, this evening at their home in honor of Dr. J. D. Freeman, of Macon, Georgia. Covers will be laid for six including Dr. Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Porter, Mrs. F. W. Porter and Mr. and Mrs. Smith.

Richards Gunter, son of Ald. H. Ralph Gunter, M.P.P. for York and Mrs. Gunter, who is spending his holidays with his parents, expects to leave on Sept. 20th for East St. Louis, Ill., where he will complete his course in flying.

Miss Catherine C. Jones and Miss Margaret Jones, daughter of President and Mrs. C. C. Jones of the University, are leaving at the end of the week for Toronto and Ottawa to resume their duties at teaching, after spending their holidays with their parents.

Miss Jennie McNeil, who spent the summer here with her mother, returned this week to Toronto where she will resume her duties on the teaching staff of Branksome Hall.

Miss Louise Whitney, who has been the guest of the Misses Sterling for the past few weeks is leaving tomorrow, on her return to Washington, D. C.

Miss Peggy Wilson arrived home this week, to spend a month with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Wilson, North Devon. Miss Wilson is a member of the nursing staff of the Frisbie Memorial Hospital, Rochester, N. H.

Mrs. J. B. Jones, of Thorold, Ontario, and Miss Jane Clayton, who have been spending a few weeks in the city with relatives, left yesterday on their return home. Mrs. Jones, who was matron of honor at the wedding of her sister Miss Kathleen Shea to J. Lorne Howatt, was the guest of her parents Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Shea. Miss Clayton was the guest of the Misses Gerow and will resume her teaching duties at Branksome Hall. Both were guests of honor at several social functions during their visit in the city, among which was a double bridge recently given by Miss Louise Sterling at her home on George street.

E. Mildon Maxwell, of the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Truro, and Miss Mabel Powell, assistant town clerk of North Sydney, have returned to resume their duties after spending a pleasant vacation at the home of Mildon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Herbert Maxwell.

Mrs. H. Ralph Gunter and her son Richards returned today from their summer camp on the Miramichi, where they have been enjoying a few days' fishing.

James P. Whalen of Bathurst, was among the visitors in the city today.

### FARMERS IN TODAY

While tomorrow is the official week-end market day, there were a number of farmers in the Phoenix Square market place this morning. The prices were similar to Wednesday's but fresh vegetables seemed to feature the selling.

### LABOR DAY PICNIC

The United Baptist Pastorate will hold their annual Labor Day picnic at the Keswick Agriculture Hall on Monday, Sept. 7th. There will be games and supper. Tickets are 35c and 20c.

### Winners C. P. R.

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The scholarships cover tuition of four years, on senior matriculation, in the faculty of engineering, with the choice of chemical, civil, mechanical or electrical engineering, or five years' tuition in the school of architecture, or four years with the Arts division or school of Commerce of the faculty of Arts and Science. The scholarships are renewed from year to year to cover the period, not exceeding five years, if at the close of each session the holders are entitled to full standing in the next higher year.

Police Magistrate and Mrs. W. A. Haines of Devon left for Boston this morning. They will return on Monday.

Glendon Elgee, B.A., B.Sc., will leave tomorrow for Bathurst where he will take a position on the staff of the Bathurst Grammar School.

Mrs. H. H. McNally, New York, is the guest of Mrs. W. B. Lamont.

Mrs. E. A. Burden and Mrs. Walter Casson, Truro, N. S., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Burden.

Mrs. Cecil Coveney and children were recent visitors in St. Stephen.

Miss Dorothy Allaby, who has been visiting relatives here, has returned to her home in Saint John.

Miss Mary Bate and Miss Margaret Ann Bate are guests of Miss Clara Dougherty at MacLaren's Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Herdina and Miss Carol Herdina, who have been visiting Mrs. Herdina's parents Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Bartlett, left this morning on their return home to Yonkers, New York.

The annual Mite Box opening of the W.M.S. of Wilmot United Church is being held this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Nathan Squires, Maryland Hill. During the afternoon two missionaries, Miss Eunice Peters, who is home on furlough from China, and Mrs. Barker, missionary from Korea, will speak of their work in these fields. After the meeting a picnic supper will be served.

Miss Frances Webber is leaving this afternoon for St. Stephen, where she will be the guest of her parents for the week-end and holiday.

Miss Mildred McDonald has returned to the city after spending a week's vacation at the home of her parents, E. R. McDonald, M.P.P., and Mrs. McDonald.

The hostesses at the weekly golf tea yesterday afternoon were Mrs. A. F. VanWart, Miss Harriet VanWart, Miss Hunter, Mrs. Emerson Edgecombe and Miss Margaret Hall.

Mrs. Dora Reynolds of Saint John was in the city yesterday. Mrs. Reynolds has recently returned from an extended visit with her sister Mrs. W. A. Walsh and Mr. Walsh in Toronto and is now spending a few days at Cork, York county.

Mrs. C. P. Wright of Wolfville, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Clark of this city, is leaving next week for New York from where she will sail on the Queen Mary for London, England. She will spend the winter in the Old Country with her husband, Dr. Wright, who is doing research work on a book, which he expects to publish in the coming summer.

Mrs. John F. Harvey is entertaining at the tea-hour this afternoon for Mrs. D. J. MacLeod, prior to her departure for England.

### SKUNKS PREVALENT

Residents in various parts of the city report that skunks are more plentiful in the city at the present time than at any time during the year. A number have been killed as they attempted to cross the highways in this part of the province. Citizens report that they have seen several skunks scooting across the lawns at the rear part of the city.

### VISITING OLD SCENES

P. J. Kelly of Roxbury, Mass., is in the city today on his annual visit. Mr. Kelly left Fredericton Junction thirty-five years ago and likes to return annually to visit old scenes and old friends. Mr. Kelly has many friends both in this city and in Fredericton Junction, who like to meet him on these annual visits.

### Capt. Good

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meals which he enjoyed only fleetingly while crossing the Atlantic. During his stay overseas, Captain Good kept the readers of The Daily Mail informed of happenings and many interesting incidents which befell himself and other members of the Vimy Pilgrimage. Captain Good's articles appearing in this paper were highly entertaining and informative.

## Education For

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sides Mr. Block, there was Gerald Waring, Wilfred Clark and a graduate.

When asked whether this was the first time that New Brunswick had taken advantage of the labor-teaching plan, Mr. Block told us that it had been tried here on a very small scale about four or five years ago, but the next year had been dropped due to lack of organization.

### Achievements in 1935

The results of this plan of education can be seen by examining the following record of achievement of 1935. That year in Canada there were 96 labor-teachers carefully selected from Canadian universities and located at frontier work throughout the Dominion. Four thousand eight-hundred and fifty-six campmen enrolled for study and a total of twenty thousand workers in isolated camps benefitted by general classes in land settlement, current events, hygiene, thrift, naturalization and topics of general interest. Also across Canada there were 95 daily papers and 63,000 books and magazines placed at the disposal of these frontier manual workers.

### New Brunswick Aspect

So much for the Canadian aspect of the movement. This year in New Brunswick, Mr. Block told us of the experience that he had among these hardy sons of the land. He was situated on the northern division of the C.P.R. that runs from McAdam to Edmundston. The work that he was engaged in was the regular gang work that started at five in the morning and lasted for nine hours. "They ribbed me at first for being a college man," Block said, "but soon found out why I was there and what I was going to do." Then they became interested and spent five nights a week learning about geography, politics, hygiene and spelling and composition. A total of 85 were enrolled in the box car "school" that was provided him and soon he had benches and desks arranged to facilitate the work. The school was fitted up with maps, black board and all that goes with teaching.

About the curriculum, Mr. Block said: "The teacher is the school and everything is left to his own judgment." He said that he soon found the men eager to learn. Only the interested ones attended and he even had special students studying mathematics for an engineering course. There were three or four foreigners in the class learning our language he told us. As far as the campmen were concerned the idea is a good one. It helps to fill in the long evenings for them, a problem on big construction jobs that by this method is being solved. It is constructive and should go a long way to better the condition of the man that is building this country—the man that hitherto did not have a chance to use his mind for things other than gauging the distance between railroad sleepers and the amount of energy to drive a pick into a rocky road bed.

## Small Docket

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Albert vs. Fraser Companies Limited, A. J. Dionne for the plaintiff will support an appeal from the decision and judgment of Mr. Justice Fairweather, dismissing plaintiff's action. The plaintiff claims damages against the defendant for wrongfully and negligently flowing water into the lands and premises and personal property of the plaintiff through raising of the waters of the Madawaska river by jams of logs accumulated.

In the matter of the estate of Linton and Sinclair Company, Ltd., authorized assignor, this is an appeal by the solicitor for the estate from the decision of His Lordship Chief Justice Barry, whereby he held and determined that J. F. H. Teed, solicitor for the estate was not entitled to be paid out of the estate his bill of costs against the estate as taxed by the registrar at \$848.40, but was entitled only to \$102.85 disbursements, and \$210.30 additional, a total of \$313.15.

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